

\$100,000 per month lease. Moreover, these funds will begin a much needed expansion that will enhance the training and readiness of eight Army Reserve units.

Finally, the report will fund the planning and design of a new National Guard training center in Niantic, Connecticut. The present facility consists of World War II vintage, temporary wooden structures. They do not meet Army standards for classrooms, dining, or billeting. The National Guard, however, relies on this training center to serve troops from six Northeastern states. Troops of all ranks train at the center, and the Army and the Army Reserve use the center as well. The funding of the planning and design of the new center is a welcome sign to thousands of servicemembers, for it signals a strong commitment from the federal government to the National Guard.

One Connecticut project would have replaced an Air National Guard complex in Orange. The poor condition of the present facility severely hinders the 103rd Air Control Squadron from accomplishing its mission, and the structure suffers from a variety of building code violations. I thank my colleagues on the Military Construction Subcommittee for including this project in the Senate bill. The project was not funded in conference, but I still appreciate the support of Chairman BURNS and Senator MURRAY, and I look forward to working with them next year to fund this project in Fiscal Year 2000.

So, I praise the Conference Committee for their work on this report. They have made some tough choices—this report allocates \$759 million less than last year. But they have made those choices with the best interests of the U.S. armed forces in mind.

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the conference report accompanying the military construction appropriations bill. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Georgia (Mr. COVERDELL), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI), and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) are necessarily absent.

I also announce that the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) is absent because of illness.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. COVERDELL) would each vote "yea."

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. GLENN), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS), and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) would vote "aye."

The result was announced—yeas 87, nays 3, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 253 Leg.]

YEAS—87

Abraham	Enzi	Lott
Akaka	Faircloth	Lugar
Allard	Feingold	Mack
Ashcroft	Feinstein	McConnell
Baucus	Ford	Mikulski
Bennett	Frist	Moseley-Braun
Biden	Gorton	Moynihan
Bond	Graham	Murray
Boxer	Grams	Nickles
Breaux	Grassley	Reed
Brownback	Gregg	Reid
Bryan	Hagel	Roberts
Bumpers	Harkin	Rockefeller
Burns	Hatch	Roth
Byrd	Hutchinson	Santorum
Campbell	Hutchison	Sarbanes
Chafee	Inhofe	Sessions
Cleland	Jeffords	Shelby
Coats	Johnson	Smith (NH)
Cochran	Kemthorne	Smith (OR)
Collins	Kennedy	Snowe
Conrad	Kerrey	Specter
Craig	Kerry	Stevens
D'Amato	Kohl	Thomas
Daschle	Landrieu	Thompson
DeWine	Lautenberg	Thurmond
Dodd	Leahy	Torricelli
Dorgan	Levin	Wellstone
Durbin	Lieberman	Wyden

NAYS—3

Kyl	McCain	Robb
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NOT VOTING—10

Bingaman	Gramm	Murkowski
Coverdell	Helms	Warner
Domenici	Hollings	
Glenn	Inouye	

The conference report was agreed to.

TRAVEL BY SENATOR JOHN WARNER FOR THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this is to advise the Senate that Virginia's senior Senator, JOHN WARNER, is unable to make votes today because of work he is undertaking for the Senate Armed Services Committee. As second senior member of the committee, Senator WARNER has met with senior U.S. military officials and government representatives in Bosnia, Serbia, and Macedonia. Senator WARNER traveled to Sarajevo, Belgrade, Skopje, and Pristina in Kosovo. His travel and briefings included field visits as well.

Senator WARNER is compiling a firsthand assessment for the Armed Services Committee of the military and political situation in this troubled and war-torn region of the world. He is scheduled to return later today.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will proceed to S. 2334, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2334) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. BOND addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HUTCHINSON). The Senator from Missouri.

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I thank the Chair. I thank the manager of the bill. I wanted to take just a moment to describe a provision that we have offered which the managers have indicated that they will accept.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If the Senator will withhold, the Senator cannot be heard. May we have order in the Chamber, please. The Senate will please come to order. Please take your conversations to the Cloakroom.

The Senator from Missouri.

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, as I indicated, we have talked with the manager and the ranking member of the measure about a provision that I have offered with respect to the development of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. I thank them for their willingness to accept it.

I wanted to tell my colleagues very briefly what it is, because this is an issue of such great importance today.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, may we have order. I see at least eight conversations going on in the Senate. The Senator is entitled to be heard. I hope we will be able to hear him.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will Senators please take their conversations to the Cloakroom.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, the conversations have not yet been ended. May we have order in the Senate. Mr. President, I hope Senators will pay attention to the Chair as well as the Senator who seeks to address the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. I thank the Senator from West Virginia.

The Senator from Missouri.

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I thank my distinguished friend, the ranking member of the Appropriations Committee. I remember well the days when I came back from summer vacation, and for the first days of school it was a little difficult to focus attention. It is good to see colleagues again. I appreciate very much the effort so that we can discuss what unfortunately has become a very serious problem.

Mr. President, in light of the continued proliferation issues which surround the world and the Middle East in particular, I believe that now, more than ever, it is important for the United States to maintain its vigilance with